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ABOUT HEAD COACH R. E. 'DICK' HANLEY

When Richard E. ("Dick") Hanley came to Evanston, Illinois, in the Fall of 1927 to take over the coaching of Northwestern University's football team, he found a desolate picture confronting him. The Wildcats, the name having been originated by a local sportswriter only two years before, were a doleful team in record and material. They had been that way for generations. The only bright thing on Hanley's horizon was the new Stadium. But, it too had its dark side for there reposed a debt of \$1,650,000.00 plastered upon its grey sides.

Prior to Hanley's advent on the campus Northwestern had done some amazing things, all in reverse. For instance, they had defeated Minnesota only once in the 20th Century; they had not enjoyed a win over Zuppke of Illinois in fifteen seasons; they had never beaten Ohio and, worse still, had never scored a touchdown against the Buckeyes; the Evanstonian team had defeated Wisconsin but once in Big Ten (it was then, son) history; and they had won but one inter-sectional football game; that, against Missouri in 1915.

Then came Dick Hanley. In nine seasons Hanley won two Big Ten championships (1930-31); he signed a long-term contract with Notre Dame; he brought to Evanston Tulane from the South and Stanford from the West and Dartmouth from the East. He created six All-Americans of unchallenged distinction; Frank Baker, Dallas Marvel, Jack Riley, "Pug" Rentner, "Reb" Russell and "Red" Woodworth. In addition, Hanley found time to run eight coaching schools in as many seasons which attracted gridiron attention to formerly football-arid Evanston, Illinois; and "Dick" originated the first "All-Star" game when he coached a team of Western Conference Stars which played a team coached by Howard Jones of Southern California and a group of Pacific Coast stars, at Soldier Field in 1933. The following year Hanley was made defensive coach of the Chicago Tribune's first All-Star team which

held the mighty Chicago Bears, with "Red" Grange as captain, to no first downs. The game ended in a zero to zero tie; but Hanley claims a "moral" victory, for his team scored sixteen first downs and fumbled away three touchdowns against the Bears within the three yard line.

Prior to his debut in "Big Ten" circles Hanley had been winning national fame with his teams from the Haskell Indian Institute. These aggregations of red-skinned football players won from most everything they played under Hanley. And they met such teams as "The Iron Men of Brown," and Minnesota with Earl Martineau.

And, Hanley left both the Haskell Indian Institute and Northwestern University with other than football achievements on his golden toga of recognition. The Haskell Indian Institute has a \$375,000 stadium sitting empty on its campus since the Institute abandoned football some years ago. In fact, right after Hanley's departure, as no successful successor could be found. Profits from Hanley's nation-covering war-pathing Indian teams achieved that money. At Evanston, Hanley left the campus with a big portion of the stadium bonds retired.

Hanley went into the insurance business where he sold \$1,127,000.00 of insurance in his first amazing, record-breaking year. He was following this profit-piling career when World War II came along and "Dick" went back to his favorite service, the Marines, in which he had served in the original World War.

In 1944-45 Coach "Dick" Hanley was given the responsibility of organizing and coaching the mighty El Toro Marine football teams which played thirty games, losing two and tying one. Fortunate for player and coach it is that twenty-two of these fighting Marines are members of Hanley's Chicago Rockets football squad which opens its All-America Football Conference season on September 13th at Soldier Field against the Cleveland Browns. Seven home games will be played by the Rockets at Soldier Field, all of them at night, save one, this season.

CONCERNING ERNIE NEVERS

Assistant to
Mr. Hanley

One of Stanford University's immortals, Ernie Nevers is perhaps the greatest player name ever to come from the other side of the Rocky Mountains. Certain it is that his football career will, like that of "Red" Grange, be forever remembered through the years.

Ernie Nevers was contemporary with Illinois' "Galloping Ghost". Both played during the 1923-24-25 season. Grange made the last Walter Camp "All-Time All-American Football team"; and so did Nevers. Both were All-Conference selections in their trio of competing years. Nevers was an All-American selection in his senior year, 1925. He was also, like Grange, captain that year. Grange made All-American selections for his three years of college competition; but Nevers improved with the years and lasted longer in professional football than did Grange. Both made All-Time All-Professional All-American Teams -- Grange for his work with the old Chicago Bears and Nevers for his playing with the Chicago Cardinals.

Nevers was a baseball pitcher and so good at the mound that he played two seasons with the St. Louis Browns in the America League. Football was his greatest love and his career saw him coaching the Duluth Eskimos (1926-27), Lafayette College, Iowa University, the University of Stanford. He also coached the Chicago Cardinals for several of their best seasons back in memory.

His acquisition by the Chicago Rockets rounded out Head Coach R. E. "Dick" Hanley's coaching staff to a completion unequalled anywhere else in professional football.

INTRODUCING CHARLES 'CHUCK' PALMER

Assistant to Coach Hanley.

Charles "Chuck" Palmer, Assistant Rocket Coach, is the famous Fenger High School football coach of Chicago and former Northwestern gridiron hero of 1920-21-22.

Palmer, who is familiar with the Hanley "split-spread-double" and "split-spread-t" formations, joins Ernie Nevers, "Wee Willie" Wilkin, Bob Dove and Ned Mathews as assistants to the Rocket Head Coach. Palmer will work with the squad in the summer practice sessions at the Santa Rosa, California, training camp and act as a scout throughout the season. His coaching activities will of necessity cease prior to Labor Day when he must return to his position at Fenger High School.

"Chuck" Palmer's great record during his eleven years at Fenger High School is everlasting testimony to his abilities as a coach. Palmer has lost but ten games in twelve years, during which time his teams have battled 128 opponents. He ran up thirty-eight wins in a row during the 1938-40 seasons. His teams have played three times in Kelly Bowl and have yet to be defeated. In 1938 and 1939 he defeated Mt. Carmel in the annual charity classic on the lakefront. In 1940 his team tied St. Leo in the Kelly Bowl battle.

Palmer began his coaching career after playing professional baseball on the Milwaukee AA league nine in 1923. He was a pitcher and earned fifteen wins against six losses that year. He spent one Fall season in professional football playing on the Racine, Wisconsin, eleven. That gridiron team was a member of the original National Football League in which the now extinct Canton "Bulldogs" were nearly always champions. Decatur, Illinois, had a team in this league captained and managed by a man who is more famous now. Palmer played against this man whose

name is George Halas.

Several "Big Ten" coaching offers came Palmer's way; but the conference then had a rule barring anyone who had played professional ball from working as a coach. Thus, Palmer found himself at Englewood High School in Chicago where he was head coach for eleven years. He left there in 1934 to begin his record-breaking career at Fenger to which he returns as soon as their school opens this Fall.

Among the famous athletes developed by Coach Palmer is Don Griffin, the former Illinois halfback who starred for Rocket Head Coach "Dick" Hanley as a member of the famed El Toro Marines football team. Griffin, now in Chicago, was jubilant when he learned that Palmer was to assist Hanley. Having worked under both coaches Griffin stated, "I'll be right at home out there in Soldier Field this Fall. This makes my chances of making the Rockets 'first' team all the brighter. Both Hanley and Palmer are grand men, great leaders, and astute coaches. This collaboration bids ill for our opponents in the All-America Conference this fall."

THE PLAYER - COACHES

WILKIN, WILBUR B. .. 30 yrs. .. Tackle .. 6 feet 4½ .. 260 .. St. Mary's of Cal.' 37

"Wee Willie" Wilkin is a name known to all professional football for the multitude of achievements he has accomplished in his years at the game. "Wee Willie" is an assistant coach of the Chicago Rockets and will play in Coach Hanley's line in the best physical condition he ever enjoyed. Football and "Wee Willie" are synonymous. Starting in high school "Willie" played fullback for four years during one of which he was team captain and made the All-Utah High School team selection. He played basketball and won three letters as center at the Springville, Utah, high school, and for two years he won letters putting the shot for the same school's track team. Wilkin entered St. Mary's of California College, at Oakland, California and for three years played for "Slip" Madigan's "Gallopig Gaels". He also won a letter in basketball at St. Mary's. Next the giant tackle was a member of the Washington Red Skins for six years. During this period he was selected on the All-Pro mythical world's greatest team for two seasons. "Wee Willie" spent two years in the war as a Marine and was a member of the famed El Toro Marine football team under Coach R. E. "Dick" Hanley. He is married and has twin sons, Christopher and John. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkin make their home in Chicago.

DOVE, ROBERT LEO ... 25 yrs. .. 6 feet 1 ... 219 ... Notre Dame ... '43.

Bob Dove, one of the Rockets most promising players, first distinguished himself while in high school by being named Youngtown's All-City End in 1939. Later while playing for Frank Leahy he was All-American in 1941 and 1942, and All-Western in 1942. He also won the Knute Rockne Memorial Trophy from the Touchdown Club of Washington, D.C., and played in the East-West Game in 1943 at San Francisco. Recently discharged after 3½ years as a 1st Lt. in the Marine Corps, Bob returned to Notre Dame for a refresher course and assisted Leahy in spring practice. He is married and the father of 2-yr. old Bob, Jr. Hometown, Youngstown, Ohio.

MATHEWS, NED A. 28 years ... 5 feet 10 ... 192 ... U.C.L.A. '41.

With 10 years of gridiron experience back of him, Ned spells trouble for Rocket opponents. Starting at a Los Angeles High as full and quarterback, Ned and teammates were undefeated City Champs for 2 years. Then during 3 years on varsity teams at U.C.L.A., which won Pacific Coast championship in '39, Ned was lettered 3 yrs., was named captain and Most Valuable Player in 1940, made All-Coast, and was mentioned on several All-American teams. Switching to right half position Ned was signed up by the Detroit Lions for 3 years, playing stellar football, as evidenced by his returning a kickoff 98 yards against Phil-Pitt in '43, for the longest return in the National League. The following year Mathews entered the Army and served 15 months as a Sgt. with a Service Command Unit. During this time he starred on two teams; Fort MacArthur, and the Hollywood Rangers, 2nd highest scoring team in the nation, playing 25 games in 1944, two a week. With the Rangers Ned carried the ball 65 times in 6 games for 715 yds, and scored 10 touchdowns. After his discharge he rejoined the Lions in '45, but was traded to the Boston Yanks and finished the season with them. Coaching is his life's ambition. Is married, has two daughters, lives in Inglewood, California.

THE PLAYERS

ENDS

DOVE, BOB (See Player-Coaches)

HANSEN, WARREN DALE 25 years End 6 feet 3 230

Detroit, Michigan, should be well acquainted with Dale Hansen's football playing for he has been a member of five different teams in that city, starting on the grid at Southwestern High, where he earned two letters playing end. He continued in this position at college, but was forced to halt football activities due to an injury, and soon afterwards left college. He then played two seasons (1941-42) as end with the Oriole Trophy Club of Detroit, winning the Tri-State Championship the first year. The following year was spent with the Detroit Semi-Pros, and he was under contract to the Detroit Lions the last two years, playing end and tackle. Hansen's off-season occupation is engineering. Is married and has two children - one three-year-old, and his daughter Ardith will be two years old September 25th, the night the Rockets play Buffalo in Chicago. Is living in Lincoln Park, Mich.

HEYWOOD, RALPH ALVIN ... 24 yrs. .. End .. 6 feet 2½ .. 195 .. U. of So. Calif.

Ralph, who has an outstanding football record back of him, first won acclaim at high school in Huntington Park, Cal., where he was chosen captain of his team, All City, All League, and Helm's "Athlete of the Month" in 1939. His successful gridiron career was further honored at U.S.C. by being named team captain, All-American and Most Valuable for one year, and All Pacific Coast for 2 years. Ralph says he still remembers as highlight of college days the time he caught touchdown pass against Notre Dame in 1941 during first six minutes of play. During 4 years of service as 1st Lt. in Marines, Ralph spent 13 months in Pacific theatre on sea duty; also played one season with El Toro Flying Marines, before joining the Rockets. Single.

LAHEY, THOMAS PATRICK ,, End .. 26 yrs. .. 6 feet 2 .. 218 .. John Carroll U. .. '41

Bowling Green, Ohio, saw big Pat Lahey off to a good start on the gridiron, which he followed with continued success at John Carroll in Cleveland. During his three years playing end for Tom Conley in college, Pat was chosen All-Opponent and All-Big-Four. While seeing two years' duty as a Corporal in the Marine Corps, Lahey played two seasons of football with the El Toro Marines. In civilian life Pat's favorite hobby is golf, and his off-season occupation is engineering. Pat, his wife and two sons make their home in Cleveland, Ohio.

LISTER, JOHN A. ... 25 years ... End ... 6 feet 2 ... 200 ... Missouri U. ... '43.

Jack Lister, ace Missouri end, prefaced his college gridiron fame with 3 years of football at a St. Louis high school, being named All Saint Louis District in '38. He also played guard on champion basketball team and won a state relay race, which indicates his speed. Both at high and in college Jack's team won two championships, District and Big Six respectively, and Jack also played in the famous Sugar Bowl game in '42. After graduation he entered the Navy, being sent first to the European theater for 10 months during which time he narrowly missed death when his LST was torpedoed in the Normandy invasion, followed by seven months in the Asiatic-Pacific theater. Was discharged a Lt. (jg) in February, 1946. Married. Hometown: St. Louis, Mo.

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MORRIS, GLEN MAX .. 21 yrs. .. End .. 6 feet 2 .. 200 .. Illinois & Northwestern '46

Max Morris needs no introduction to football fans in the Chicago area as Northwestern's famous football and basketball star, although it may be news to many of them that he attended Illinois for a short time before being sent to N.U. in a Navy V-12 unit. Before playing end for Coach Waldorf, Max was an All-State Tackle during his high school days in West Frankfort, Illinois, and also played tackle during his short stay at Illinois. He joined the Wildcats in the 1944 season and then the honors really began to pile up. That year the Yungwirth-to-Morris passing combination produced spectacular playing, resulting in his being chosen by his own teammates as Most Valuable Player, and was elected honorary captain the following season. Meanwhile Max was awarded duplicate honors in other sports. As a high jumper and shot putter he was lettered on the '45 track team. In basketball he twice won the conference scoring championship with 189 and 198 points respectively, was twice awarded the "N" Men's medal for outstanding athletic performance, and was elected the quintet's Most Valuable Player, besides being captain one year. He was named All-Conference and All-American for one year in football and two years in basketball. His off-season occupation and future ambition is engineering. Single. Lives in Detroit, Michigan.

MOTL, ROBERT JOSEPH .. 26 yrs. .. End .. 6 feet 3 .. 195 .. Northwestern U. .. '43.

Bob Motl is another Rocket player whose football success is well-known to Chicago, where he was born. Austin High was the scene of his gridiron debut, after which he played at Dyche Stadium for Coach Waldorf. He was lettered three years and All-Big Ten in '41 and '42; and won further honors as pitcher of N.U.'s baseball nine for three years. After graduating from college, he spent 2½ years in the Navy, and during his 30 months in the Pacific on a destroyer, he earned 9 Combat Stars. Discharged as a Lt. in January '46. His wife is from Evanston, Ill., where they now make their home.

QUILLEN, FRANK HARRIS .. 24 yrs. .. End .. 6 feet 5 .. 225 .. Univ. of Pennsylvania

Big Frank Quillen first played football on the high school eleven at Ridley Park, Pa., where he was named All-Suburban. A proficient athlete in many sports Frank won 4 letters in football and track, and 3 in basketball, besides being captain of each team for 1 year. He also won state record in shot & discus, both in high school and later at Franklin & Marshall Academy. It was while at the Academy that he was chosen All-Prep (State and national) for his football playing. Then Frank spent 2½ years at Pennsylvania U. where he earned 3 football letters and was chosen All-East & All-American 2nd team. Going directly into the Marine Corps from Penn, Quillen served 3 years as an aviation pilot, during which time he also played ball with the El Toro Marines, and was discharged a 2nd Lt. Single. Hometown: Ridley Park, Pa.

SANTOW, ARTHUR EDWARD .. 26 years .. End .. 6 feet 1 .. 196 .. Univ. of Missouri

Another Hoosier-born Rocket is Art Santow, who comes from Michigan City, Ind. At Elston High, then a tackle, Art was lettered three years, All-Conference Northern Ind. 2 years and Michigan City Most Valuable, one year. Coach Don Faurot switched him to present playing position at Missouri, where he was chosen for Associated Press & Sophomore All-American. Santow is looking forward to this first Rocket season, as he will be playing with many former teammates. Single. Hometown: Michigan City, Indiana.

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SIEWERT, RALPH PAUL .. 22 yrs. .. End .. 7 feet 2 .. 245 .. South Dakota Wesleyan

"Skyscraper" Siewert is the tallest football player on record, but is no freak as evidenced by his pass receiving, kicking and blocking. What's more Ralph is an all-round athlete having been a 4-letter man in football, track, basketball and baseball and Most Valuable Football Player of '42 at Mount Clemens, in Michigan. His pitching attracted baseball scouts, and as a result he played with the Detroit Tigers until one of Rudy York's line drives injured his arm. When released he signed with the Yankees, but was finally forced to quit the game due to his injury at which time he entered South Dakota Wesleyan. In his first game Siewert made 2 touchdowns beating S. Dakota U., and that was Dakota Wesleyan's first victory in 47 years. During that whole season opponents made only 25 yards rushing against Ralph's side of the line, and for such spectacular playing he was chosen All-State. "Skyscraper's" future ambition is to own a resort in upper Michigan, but meanwhile he, his wife, and baby daughter live in Mt. Clemens.

TACKLES

GILPIN, ARTHUR REX .. 27 yrs. .. Tackle .. 6 feet 3 .. 235 .. St. Joseph's (Ind.)

While attending high school in South Bend, Indiana, Art Gilpin was All-State and All-Conference in football; All-Conference in basketball; All-City in baseball; and won 2nd place in shotput at the State Meet. In further proof of his athletic prowess he was chosen All-State and All-Conference and he and his teammates were State Champs while at college. Art was a Private First Class in the Army for four years, 41 months of which time he spent in the Aleutians. While in the service Art had a very narrow escape when he went deep sea fishing in the Bering Sea; the wind came up suddenly, and his small sailboat was lost for three days. Single. Born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Lives in New Carlisle, Indiana.

HUNEKE, CHARLES FRANKLIN .. 25 yrs. .. Tackle .. 6 feet 3 .. 225 .. St. Mary's of Texas and University of Wyoming.

Chuck Huneke, Rockets' big hard-hitting tackle, was born on New Year's Day, 1921, in Lincoln, Illinois. Back in his high school days Chuck set a precedent by starting out in the position of tackle and continued to hold it throughout college (at St. Mary's of Texas and Wyoming U.) and service athletics with the El Toro Marines for two more years, while performing the duties of a Sgt. in the Marine Corps. During school he rounded out his sports activities by participating in basketball and weight-lifting. Chuck is single, and lives in Springfield, Ill.

WALLACH, NORVILLE .. 28 yrs. .. Tackle .. 6 feet 2 .. 215 .. University of Missouri

From "Old Missouri" comes "Bud" Wallach famed All Conference guard for 1940 and 1941 in the "Big Six" conference. Wallach also received several mentions on mythical All-American teams for his work under coach Don Faurot. In high school, at Kirkwood, Mo., Wallach won two letters each in football, basketball, baseball and track. At the University of Missouri he won two letters in football. His "moment of national fame" came at Missouri when he, a guard, caught a short intended on-side kickoff and raced for a touchdown against Michigan State. Even the officials of the game were baffled. Wallach put in four years in the late war as a captain in the Army, seeing service in the South Pacific and doing guard duty in Japan. He coached a battalion football team to an undefeated season while in the Army. He is married and lives in St. Louis, Mo.

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WILKIN, WILBUR B. (See Player-Coaches)

WINTERS, ARNOLD J. .. 24 yrs. .. Tackle .. 6 feet 2 .. 218 .. Lane Tech High.

Winters played tackle for three years at Lane Tech High School, Chicago. He was invited to the Chicago Bears training camp from which he was released to enter the Army Air Force in which he was a captain. He served twenty-eight months instructing flyers in the United States and eleven months in the South Pacific where he was awarded three battle stars. He played football with the Hawaiian Air Depot and the All Southwest Service Team. Single. Lives in Chicago.

GUARDS

FISHER, SIDNEY .. 26 yrs. .. Guard .. 6 feet .. 215 .. St. Mary's of Texas.

Sid Fisher, former tackle at Senn High in Chicago, was named Most Valuable Player at Wilson Jr. College and won 2 Illinois Jr. College Championships. He played guard for 3 years at St. Mary's under Coach Russell Lloyd. Sid has an exceptional service record, having spent 2½ years overseas as a Staff Sergeant in the Army Air Force. While serving in four combat areas (Middle East, North Africa, Mediterranean and England), he was awarded nine Battle Stars and three Presidential Citations. He is single and a resident of Chicago.

LOKANC, JOSEPH .. 27 yrs. .. Guard .. 5 feet 11½ .. 210 .. Northwestern Univ. '41.

Another veteran football star to join the Rockets is Joe Lokanc, a native of East Chicago, Indiana. During his high school days Joe won three letters in football, and two in baseball and wrestling. In his junior year (1935) he was chosen captain and All-State in both football and 175-lb. wrestling class. Limiting his sports activities to football at N.U. under Coach Waldorf Joe won three letters and in 1940 was chosen All-Big Ten. In 1941 he made the College All-Star and East-West teams. Upon graduating from college Lokanc spent the 1941 season with the Chicago Cardinals. For the next fifty months Joe served as a line officer in the Navy, spending 12 of these months in the European Theater. In 1943 he played an undefeated season with the Naval Training Station at Bainbridge, Md., and in 1945 played with the Miami, Florida, N.T.S. Joe is a salesman during the off-season. Is single, and lives in East Chicago, Indiana.

PEARCY, JAMES WHEELER .. 27 yrs. .. 5 feet 11 .. 210 .. Marshall College '42.

A native of West Virginia, Jim Percy played halfback in high school at Clarksburg, winning 3 letters and the State championship, and captaining the team 1 year. At Marshall College under Coach Henderson Jim played two positions - quarterback and guard - and had an undefeated season in '41. In May 1942 Percy reported to the Marine Corps and spent almost 4 years in the infantry, during which he played 1 year with the Maui Marines. He saw 2 years of overseas duty, including 30 days on Saipan, 10 on Tinian, 30 on Iwo Jima, and 12 on Roi and Namur, and for such combat received Bronze Star, Gold Star and Letter of Commendation. Single. Lives in Athens, Ohio.

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RUETZ, JOSEPH HEUBERT .. 29 yrs. .. Guard .. 5 feet 11½ .. 198 .. Notre Dame '38.

Joe Ruetz, although born in Racine, Wis., got his schooling and football training in South Bend, Indiana. While on the high school eleven, he was lettered three times and named All-State in '34. Continuing his education at Notre Dame, he played guard and quarterback for Coach Elmer Layden. During 4 years in the Marine Corps as a pilot, Joe played 1 year with Navy Pre-Flight at St. Mary's, and ½ year with El Toro Marines. Mountaineering is Joe's favorite pastime, but he won't soon forget 42 days alone in the Utah canyons when he had to hike 150 miles in 3 ft. of snow with a temperature of 15 degrees below zero. It took 14 days to reach town with 60 pound back pack, after 12 days of blizzards, and not until then did he learn that War was declared the day after he left.

SCACCUTO, JOHN MICHAEL .. 24 yrs. .. Guard .. 5 feet 9½ .. 195 .. John Carroll U43.

Years ago Johnnie Scaccuto earned the nickname "Rock" (deservedly, as his opponents will testify) which seems most appropriate now that he's signed with the Rockets. This formidable guard gained all his football experience in his hometown, Cleveland, Ohio. At John Adams High School Johnnie won three letters and his team took two championships. He paralleled this record at John Carroll University again being lettered three times and his college team won the All Big-Four Conference in '42. Going directly into service after graduation "Rock" spent 21 months in the Pacific with Aviation Ground Liaison of the Marine Corps, earned a Naval Unit Citation and was discharged a 1st Lt. after 3 years of duty. In the field of sports hockey is his second love, but for his business career he has chosen law practice. Single.

SUMPTER, TONY .. 23 yrs. .. Guard .. 6 feet 1 .. 215 .. Cameron Jr. College.

Tony Sumpter was born 23 years ago on September 13th, (which incidentally is the date of the Rockets' opening game this first season) in Fletcher, Oklahoma, moving soon afterward to Lawton in the same state. At Lawton High School, where he then played tackle, Tony won 4 letters, was captain 1 year of his team which won the State Championship in 1941. He also won 4 letters in track, two in basketball and one in boxing. He then attended Cameron Jr. College, interrupting his education to enter the Marine Corps, in the aviation field. He played two seasons as guard with the El Toro Marines, and after two years of duty was discharged a Pfc. Is married and has two daughters. Lives in Lawton, Oklahoma.

VERRY, NORMAN .. 23 yrs. .. Guard .. 6 feet 1 .. 240 .. Southern California '43.

One of the University of Southern California's All-Time Greats, Verry is best remembered for his work in their 20 to 18 victory over Notre Dame in their 1941 game in which he was credited with "playing the entire right side of the defensive line." Verry played under the immortal Howard Jones, supreme coach of the Pacific coast, and under his successors, Sam Barry and Jeff Cravath. He won four letters in football at U.S.C. and was for three years selected on All-Pacific Coast mythical elevens. Verry was a Marine Lieutenant and spent four years with the Leathernecks in the South Pacific. He is a native of Harford, California, and lived in Los Angeles until joining the Rockets. He is married.

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VOGDS, EVAN EDWARD .. 23 yrs. .. Guard .. 5 feet 10 $\frac{1}{2}$.. 204 .. Univ. of Wisconsin.

A native of Johnsbury, Wisconsin, Vogds matriculated at the University of Wisconsin after a four-year, four-letter career at Fond-Du-Lac High School. He was a mainstay on the Wisconsin elevens of 1941-42 as evidenced by Great Lakes vs. Wisconsin 1942 game when Vogds intercepted a pass and went 40 yards for a touch-down. Not six months later Evan became an Athletic instructor at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, and it made his former opponents more than happy to have him playing for rather than against them. In 1944 and 1945 he was on the undefeated Fleet City All-Service-Championship football team in California. On those squads he played against twenty-odd Chicago Rocket teammates and against his present Head Coach, R. E. "Dick" Hanley. Fleet City defeated the El Toro Marines twice. Vogds is married and plans to run a sporting goods store in Fond-Du-Lac, Wisconsin.

WESTWATER, JAMES MAC INTYRE .. 25 yrs. .. Guard .. 6 feet .. 215 .. Montana, Univ.

A native of Chicago, "West" won fame on the great 1936-37-38 Fenger High School teams of Coach Charles "Chuck" Palmer who, incidentally, is one of the Rocket coaches during the practice sessions. Westwater won three football letters at Fenger and was captain in 1938 when the team won the city championship and defeated Mt. Carmel 13 to 0 in Mayor Kelly's Annual Christmas Benefit Charity Gridiron Classic in Soldier Field. Westwater had a huge year in the honor department in 1938. He garnered selection on the Illinois All-State team, was selected the most valuable player to his team, and was an All-Chicago tackle on every newspaper honorary squad. As a sideline he made the wrestling team and was also captain of the Fenger mat squad in 1938. He matriculated at Montana State University, Missoula, Montana, and was a tackle and guard for two seasons before the war caught up with him. He was a sergeant in the amphibious tank corps and served in the Pacific for two years, winning four major battle stars, the Phillipine Liberation Medal, the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. During the fighting for Manila he was hit directly in the face by a Jap grenade which, fortunately didn't explode. He is married and has a two year old son, Thomas.

C E N T E R S

COLEMAN, HERBERT EDWARD .. 23 yrs. .. Center .. 6 feet .. 200 .. Notre Dame '44.

Herb, who is not only an outstanding athlete but also graduated from High School with the highest scholastic rating, had a fine college football record playing for Coach Frank Leahy. He was Catholic All-American in 1943, and played on second teams of Collier's and Associated Press All-American. Herb entered the Navy immediately after graduation and served as skipper of an LCT at Okinawa and the Phillipines. Was accidentally gassed by exploded gas shell while on Mindanao. Herb, who is married and the father of a young son, hails from Chester, West Virginia, but now lives in Canton, Ohio.

(CENTERS - continued)

MILLER, BENJAMIN F. .. 22 yrs. .. Center .. 5 feet 11 3/4 .. 190 .. University of Tennessee.

Although Ben played no football until entering prep-school, he made up for lost time by being lettered 3 times, named All-City 2 years, All-State 1 year, and City Champs 2 years. Then at Tennessee his team had an undefeated season, tied Southeastern Conference in '44 and played in Rose Bowl game. In '45 they lost only to Alabama and won 2nd place in S.E.C. As evidence of his durability Ben can show where he had 12 stitches taken in his tongue after blocking a kick in a high school game. He also played football with the Army in 1943 while serving as PFC with the 245th Post Battalion. A mechanic-electrician in civilian life, Ben's ambition is coaching. Single. Lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

OSTERMAN, ROBERT THOMAS .. 27 yrs. .. Center .. 6 feet 4 .. 215 .. Notre Dame '41.

"Moose" Osterman, best known as a most capable center, originally played end on the high school varsity in Detroit, where he was born and raised. He was lettered 4 years, All-City 3 years, All-State 2 years and captain 1 year. His record in basketball as center was identical, except that he was also voted Most Valuable Player 1 year. He continued his success at Notre Dame under Elmer Layden, who changed his position to center, and on the basis of his fine playing was named Most Valuable Player and All-American honorable mention. Following graduation from college, "Moose" entered the Navy in September 1941, and served for more than four years. He spent 39 months in the Pacific area, for which he received 5 stars on his Asiatic ribbon, besides an American-Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon. He was married the day before War was declared, and has a daughter 4 years old.

PARKS, EDWARD HARRY .. 29 yrs. .. Center .. 6 feet .. 220 .. Oklahoma Univ. '38.

"Mickey" Parks has a wealth of grid experience behind him beginning with an amazing record at Shawnee, Oklahoma, High School, where he was lettered four times in football, baseball and track, and twice in basketball. During his senior year he was captain of the football, basketball and baseball teams, winning the State Football Championship the same year, and in 1932 and 1933 was chosen All-State football center. Proceeding to Oklahoma U. he earned three letters, All-American mention, and All-Big Six, and his team which he captained one year won Big Six Championship. His biggest thrill in college was playing in the East-West Game 1938. After graduation he signed with the Washington Redskins, and played center for them from 1938 to 1941. Soon afterwards he entered the Navy for 3½ years' service, including 21 months in the South Pacific. His service athletics consisted of 1 year with Georgia Pre-Flight and one with N.A.T.T.C. team, plus acting as Ass't. Coach of Barbers Point Naval Air Station in Honolulu. Is married, has one daughter. Lives in Hyattsville, Maryland.

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VANDERKOLK, CORNELIUS .. 25 .. Center .. 6 feet 3 .. 195 .. St. Joseph's, Collegeville, Indiana '43.

Hoosier-born Vanderkolk, whose friends have shortened his name to "Vandy", hails from Lafayette, where his football days began at Jefferson High, then playing end position. Not until entering St. Joseph's under Coach Dienhart did Vandy play center, in which position he won 3 letters, besides 3 in basketball and 2 in baseball. His football eleven won the Indiana Conference in 1941 and '42 and he was chosen All-Conference in 1942, finishing college ball with 21 consecutive victories. At the end of '43 season N. Y. Giants signed him but he was unable to fulfill his contract due to entering the service. During several years in the armed forces "Vandy" spent many months overseas. His narrowest escape occurred on Tinian when he had to set up beach defense in a mined area at night, losing one tank, then discovering in the morning that all had missed being blown up by only a few inches. Single.

B A C K S

BOEDEKER, WILLIAM .. 22 yrs .. Back .. 5 feet 11 .. 190 .. DePaul University.

Born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Bill Boedeker has nevertheless spent most of his 22 years in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Under the tutelage of Coach Bob Nulf at North Side High in Fort Wayne, Bill played halfback on the eleven which were State Champions in 1940. The War cut Bill's education short too, and for three years he served in the Army infantry. Eighteen months of this time was spent in the Pacific area, including beach-head landings at Leyte, Okinawa and the Ryukus. He won many awards including Bronze Star, Purple Heart, 4 Battle Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Arrowhead, etc. Boedeker was discharged a Corporal in January, 1946. Future ambition: coaching. Is single and lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

BRADFORD, FRANK ALSEY .. 26 yrs. .. Halfback .. 5 feet 11 .. 175 .. Alabama

"Brick" Bradford started his football career in Detroit high school competition where he was All City Leading Ground Gainer, and continued it at Alabama under Coach Frank Thomas. Not only a great gridiron star, Brick also excels in boxing having won the Southeastern Intercollegiate Conference Middleweight title and in baseball at Naval Air Station, Pearl Harbor, where he led the champion Hawaiian team in hitting with a batting average of .428. Apparently this runs in the family for his brother Vic formerly played baseball with the N. Y. Giants and is now Assistant Football Coach at Kansas U. A former Sgt. in Marines, "Brick" spent 4 years in service, most of this time in South Pacific Area. While on patrol on Isle of Rota "Brick" narrowly escaped death when he missed stepping on an anti-tank mine by a few feet. Born in Brownsville, Tenn. Single. Now living in Burbank, California.

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CLAY, WALTER E. .. 21 yrs. .. Fullback .. 5 feet 10 $\frac{1}{2}$.. 205 .. Univ. of Colorado.

"Hatchet" Clay, as he is known to those who have played against him, is a native of Longmount, Colorado, where he starred in high school, football, baseball, basketball and track. From Longmount he went to the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he won eight letters during his two years there, making "All Big Seven Conference" teams both years he played. Teamed with Ernest "Tiny" Lewis, also a Chicago Rocket, Clay was one half of the university's "touchdown twin" combination that won a "Big Seven" Conference Championship. Clay is a passer, kicker and all-around defensive back. His punts tower out of the illumination of the average stadium lighted for night football. His running is of the slashing, driving type that cuts off the ends and tackles, and he is a mighty defensive worker back of the line. Clay played for Coach R. E. "Dick" Hanley on the 1944-45 El Toro Marine football team as the starring fullback.

COX, NORMAN LAWRENCE .. 20 yrs. .. Fullback .. 6 feet three .. 210 .. Texas Christian U.

Although "Fuzzy" Cox won't be 21 till after the second game this season, he has already made an athletic name for himself. In High School he won honors in football, basketball and track; was named All-District and Best Athlete for two years; and won high jump at District Meet. At T.C.U. Fuzzy was All-Conference player for 2 years and won honorable mention for All-American. His biggest thrill was the Rice vs. T.C.U. game in 1944 when "Fuzzy" won the Conference game in the last 20 seconds by crashing Rice's line 6 inches from the goal and hurling the ball carrier for a 4-yard setback. His off-season occupation is "rough-necking" for an oil field. Married. Home town: Grandfalls, Texas.

ELKINS, EVERETT LEE .. 28 yrs. .. Fullback .. 5 feet 10 .. 180 .. Marshall '39.

After a splendid college record during which he was football captain for one year and was chosen All-West Virginia and All-Buckeye "Boot" Elkins went on to play with the Chicago Cardinals and the New York Yankees. "Boot" also played with the Randolph Field All-Service Champs in 1944 and the Keesler Field team in 1945, during four years of service in the Army Air Force as a 1st Lt. His off-season occupation now is tending his West Virginia filling station. Is married and has a son, Michael. Born in Hamlin, W. Va., he now lives in Huntington, W. Va.

FARRIS, THOMAS GEORGE .. 25 yrs. .. Quarterback .. 6 feet 1 .. 180 .. Wisc. '42.

A former Chicago football star at Englewood High, Tom Farris captained the Wisconsin eleven in 1941 and played with the College All-Stars in 1942 and 1943. In addition he was captain of the University's basketball team in 1940. His biggest thrill in athletics occurred in 1940 during the Minn. vs. Wisc. game when he intercepted a pass and ran 60 yards for the scoring play - his first touchdown in college competition. Farris served in the Pacific area for 18 months as Lt. (jg) in the U.S. Coast Guard and received a Letter of Commendation for the Philippine Liberation. Is married. Born in Casper, Wyoming. Lives in Madison, Wisconsin.

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GRIFFIN, DONALD D. .. 23 years .. Halfback .. 5 feet 11½ .. 195 .. U. of Illinois.

Although Don hails from Benton Harbor, he is another Rocket whose football career originated in Chicago. At Fenger High under Chuck Palmer (who assists Coach Hanley this summer) Griffin was lettered twice, captain in '39 and named All-State. Proceeding to Illinois, Don played stellar football for both Zuppke and Eliot before entering the Marine Corps in Dec. '42. During 3½ years in the service he played one season with the El Toro Marines before going overseas for 10 months on Okinawa and Japan. Was discharged last June as a 1st Lt.

HILLENBRAND, WILLIAM FRANCIS .. 24 yrs. .. Halfback .. 6 feet .. 188 .. Indiana University '46.

Bill needs no introduction to football fans, but to recap his achievements, in high school at Evansville he was captain 1 year, All-State 3 years, Most Valuable 2 years, not to mention honors won in basketball and baseball. At Indiana U. under tutelage of "Bo" McMillin, Bill was named All-American 1 yr. and All-Conference, Most Valuable, winner of Wailing Wall Trophies for 2 yrs. each. Not only a great defensive back, this Hoosier is also known for his kicking ability, one example of which was an 88 yd. punt return for touchdown with 15 seconds of play remaining in 1st half of game against Wisconsin U. In the Army for 3 years Bill spent 8 months in India and Burma as 1st Lt. His brother, Joe, who played football for Purdue, was killed in action and was awarded Silver Star and Purple Heart posthumously. Bill has plans for law career. Is married and lives in Evansville, Indiana.

HIRSCH, ELROY LEON .. 23 yrs. .. Halfback .. 6 feet 2 .. 190 .. Wisc. & Michigan.

Hirsch, a native of Wausau, Wis., first played left half in high school where he was captain of team 1 year, All-Conference 2 years. Also played in All-State basketball tournament. He won continued success at Wisconsin as Sophomore All-American and earned nickname of "Crazylegs" for speedy, slippery style of running. Holds State AAU broadjump and Fieldhouse sprint records. When Marine Corps switched him to Michigan U., Hirsch went on to break more records by being first man in history of the school to win four letters in one year. His biggest thrill at Mich. was pitching one hitter against Ohio State, then broadjumping 24:2 to win in Triangular Meet. During service as 2nd Lt. "Crazylegs" played with El Toros, winning 10 games and losing only two. Future ambition is sports announcing. Is married, and lives in Wausau.

HOERNSCHEMEYER, ROBERT .. 20 yrs. .. Back .. 5 feet 11½ .. 192 .. Indiana U.

Bob Hoernschemeyer, perhaps better known as "Hunchy", is one of the "babies" of pro football, but it is generally agreed that he's well able to take care of himself. A glance at his high school record shows that he was a 4-letter man in football, basketball and baseball, also winning 2 letters for track (220 yd. dash). Was chosen All-State Baseball and All-City Basketball in 1943, besides being All-City & All Conference Football in 1942 and 1943, as halfback. Following this "Hunchy" entered Indiana where he played quarter and halfback for Coach "Bo" McMillin, winning many additional honors, such as INS, UP, AP and Coaches 1st teams;

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HOERNSCHEMEYER, ROBERT - continued

All-Conference (Big Ten) '43; 2nd All-America, AP, '43; Harry Wismer's All-America 1st team and Bill Stern's All-America 2nd team, '44; East-West game, Jan. 1, 1944; and North-South game, Dec. 28, 1944. These were justly deserved for records show that "Hunchy" ranked second leading passer in '43 with 69 of 154 completed for a total of 1133 yards gained in 10 games. Similar success was his in the '45 season playing for the U.S. Naval Academy, as indicated by the Navy-Penn. game which he won by 13-6 by completing a last minute touchdown pass. Was discharged a Midshipman after 2 years in the Navy. Single. Home town: Cincinnati, Ohio.

JACOBY, CHARLES PHILIP .. 23 yrs. .. Halfback .. 5 feet 10½ .. 170 .. Indiana U.

Chicago-born Chuck Jacoby, who is one of Coach Hanley's blocking backs, will bear watching from Rocket opponents. This former Indiana star played ball for two years under "Bo" McMillin before joining the Army, and his record in track sprinting both at high school and college is a good indication of his speed. His three years in the Army as a 1st Lt. in Infantry were spent playing football at Ft. Benning, Georgia, plus two years in California learning to speak Chinese, and ending with 10 months in the CBI theater where he arrived the day the Japanese surrendered. In February Chuck plans to get his Phys. Ed. degree at Northwestern. Single. Lives in Chicago, Illinois.

TOIMI, JARVI .. 26 yrs. .. Halfback .. 6 feet .. 190 .. DeKalb Teachers '42.

Toimi "Jar" Jarvi, another famous descendant of Finland in the athletic world, is a native of DeKalb, Illinois. When he graduated from high school there, he was possessor of 4 letters in both football and basketball, and had captained the latter team during one of the two championships which they won while he was playing there. Later at DeKalb Teachers College he was not only a four-letter man in the same two sports but in baseball as well. After winning the All Conference Championship three years, Toimi was chosen Most Valuable Player in 1941. Passing on to professional football, Jarvi played in '43-44 with the Philadelphia Eagles, and also with the Pittsburgh Steelers, before joining the Rockets.

KELLAGHER, WILLIAM MICHAEL .. 26 yrs. .. Fullback .. 5 feet 11 .. 205 .. Fordham.

During four years of high school football at Ashland, Pa., "Scrooge" Kellagher was named All-State Fullback in 1938. He starred one year at Fordham under Jim Crowley during which time he played in the famous Cotton Bowl game of 1941. After leaving college Kellagher entered the Marine Corps and saw more than 3 years of duty as a Sgt. in the 4th Tank Battalion. Two of these years were spent overseas, including Hawaii, the Marshalls, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. He was awarded a Letter of Commendation while in combat. "Scrooge" played one season in 1944 with the Maui Marines, Pacific champs, and in 1945 with the El Toro Marines. He is single, and lives in Ashland, Pennsylvania.

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KRUGER, DONALD ANTHONY .. 26 yrs. .. Quarterback .. 6 feet .. 187 .. Northwestern '42.

Don Kruger, whose name is familiar to Chicago football fans, first starred on the Fenwick grid in Oak Park. Then playing halfback, Don was named All-City & County in 1937 and 1938. Proceeding to Northwestern, he played Quarter and half-back for 3 years under Lynn Waldorf, also playing with the Tribune All-Stars in '42. Not content with this record Kruger also excelled in basketball winning many honors including the Don McCarnes Memorial Award. Immediately after graduating, Don entered the Navy and was assigned to the Hamilton Aviation Training Program. He was discharged after 3½ years with the rank of Lt. Married. Lives in Oak Park, Illinois.

LAMANA, PETER CHARLES .. 25 yrs. .. Fullback .. 5 feet 11 .. 210 .. Boston Univ.

Pete first distinguished himself as an all-round athlete at Cathedral High, Springfield, Mass. (where Angelo Bertelli was his backfield mate). In football he was lettered 4 years, captain for one, All-City in '39, and Western Mass. champs 2 years. As basketball guard he again won 4 letters and was All-City in '39, and team won city championship 2 years; won 1 letter & city championship as baseball outfielder; earned 3 letters in track, captain 1 year, and Western Mass. Shotgun Champ 2 years. After going on to Boston U. Pete limited his sports to football earning 3 letters; captaincy and All-American honorable mention. His biggest thrill was running a 97-yd. touchdown against Bucknell in '42. Lamana won countless honors during 3 years in the Army, in football as well as combat. He played in Fall of '45 with 78th Lightning Division, was selected for European Theater All-Star team, and was voted most valuable player in the league. He spent 20 months in Europe (17 of which were in Germany) as a Captain of infantry. He well remembers one night when he led an ambush patrol into a German bivouac area and captured 20 Germans who were eating and sleeping there. Then under direct fire of 3 flack guns led a company of men to capture a nearby town, suffering light casualties, but capturing their objective. He was awarded 3 campaign stars, Combat Infantry Badge, and Bronze Star with Oak-Leaf Cluster. Single. Home town: Thompsonville, Connecticut.

LEWIS, ERNEST CLAYTON .. 22 yrs. .. Fullback .. 6 feet 1 .. 215 .. Colorado Univ.

Ernie, sometimes known as "Tiny", Lewis comes to the Rockets from Swink, Colorado, where he made his football debut. While in high school, where so few men enrolled that they had to play "touch", Tiny was lettered 4 years in football, basketball and track, and was captain of all three besides being class president in his senior year. It was at Colorado U. that Lewis and teammate Walter Clay made history as the "Touchdown Twins". After his college career was interrupted by the War, Ernie's two years with the Marine Corps saw him as combat training instructor with a sergeant's rating at time of discharge. He also spent a season with the El Toro Marines as ace fullback often displaying his kicking prowess, especially one rainy day when he punted 88 yards with the ball going out-of-bounds on the 1-yard line. In addition Ernie has won countless honors in discus and shotput.

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MC ARTHUR, WILLIAM DEAN .. 28 yrs. .. Halfback .. 5 feet 9 .. 170 .. Santa Barbara State '40.

Bill McArthur was born in Keokuk, Iowa, but was reared in Long Beach, Calif., where he played high school football winning 3 letters and earning an All-Southern California honorable mention. He also captained the track team which won the Southern California Championship in '36. Proceeding to Santa Barbara State, Bill played 4 years of varsity ball, winning both honorable mention, Little All-American and Most Competitive Athlete in '39, plus being captain and Most Valuable Player of the football, track and rugby teams. Besides having a B.A. degree at Santa Barbara, Bill received his master's in Phys. Ed. at U. of Oregon. As evidence of his versatility Bill had the honored title of Decathlon Champion at high school, Santa Barbara and Oregon, still holding the record in 100 and lows. After completing his education Bill spent 21 months in the Army Air Force as a fighter pilot. While playing football with the Air Transport Command team named the "Rockets", Bill was first in yards per try (9.2) from rushing, and second in total yards gained from scrimmage, and hopes to do the same with the Chicago Rockets. Single. Home town: Long Beach, California.

NEMETH, STEVE JOSEPH .. 23 yrs. .. Quarterback .. 5 feet 10½ .. 175 .. Notre Dame

Steve Nemeth not only received all his schooling in South Bend, where he was born, but also made his name in the football field in that city. He was lettered 4 years and All-State 2 years while playing halfback at Riley High. Coach Leahy at Notre Dame later moved him to quarterback position. After leaving college Steve played both quarter and halfback for the Cleveland Rams while they were champions. His biggest thrill while playing with them was bringing down "Special Delivery" Jones of the Bears on a touchdown run. Single.

SCHROEDER, WILLIAM .. 23 yrs. .. Halfback .. 6 feet ½" .. 190 .. Wisconsin.

Sheboygan, Wisconsin, can well be proud of young Bill Schroeder, who was born and raised there. At Sheboygan Central High, Bill played both right half and fullback for Coach Abendroth, and was selected All-Conference and Rox River Valley Conference. Although football was his forte, he also excelled in other sports, winning three letters in football and basketball, and two in track (dashes, relays and broadjump). He was also chosen All-Conference in basketball, besides captaining the three teams one year each. His biggest thrill in athletics was running a kick-off back 93 yards in high school. Although he only completed two years at Wisconsin before the service interrupted his studies, he played fine football for Coach Stuhldreher at right half, and was lettered once. Bill's future plans are not as yet definite, but he leans toward the sporting goods field. Single. Home Town: Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

SPURLOCK, HAROLD .. 24 yrs. .. Halfback .. 5 feet 11½ .. 180

Although "Spur" has had no college football experience, he had a very fine record at Central High in Chattanooga, Tenn. Playing fullback at that time, he won 3 letters and in 1941 was chosen All-City, All-State, and All-Southeastern. Immediately upon graduation he entered the Navy, and out of 3½ years in service, saw 41 months of duty in the Pacific. He also played ball with the San Diego Naval Training Base and the Honolulu Bears before receiving his discharge as BM 2/c. Is married and lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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STEMPIN, MITCHELL ... 24 years ... Fullback ... 5 feet 9 ... 190.

Although born in Robbyville, Ohio, "Mitch" Stempin claims Chicago as his home town. Grid fans there will remember his excellent football playing at Lindblom High under Coach E. L. Moore. Although Stempin didn't attend college, he gained much experience during three years in the Army when he played ball in the Persian Gulf Command, which team won the Middle East championship, during the 31 months he spent in Iran. He was discharged January 29, 1946, a Sgt. with Military Police. Off-season occupation: salesman. Is now living in Chicago, Illinois.

TONELLI, MARIO GEORGE ... 29 yrs. .. Fullback .. 5 feet 11 .. 190 .. Notre Dame '39.

"Motts" Tonelli is one of Notre Dame's immortals and one of America's forever to be remembered war heroes. He was drafted on March 10, 1941, and sent to the Philippines where war found him at Bataan October 20, 1941. He survived the infamous "Death March" and was a prisoner of war for four years. He weighed but 113 pounds when released. He holds five battle stars, three Presidential Citations, and the Philippine Defense Medal, as well as a lot of emotions about Gilbert and Sullivan's "Gentlemen From Japan". Tonelli was born in Lemont, Illinois, and was soon moved to Chicago by his family. He then entered De Paul Academy where he won four letters in track, basketball and football. He was captain of the basketball and track teams for two years each and led the football team for one year. He was selected on the All-Chicago Prep School team in 1935, his senior year. Matriculating at Notre Dame "Motts" won letters on the Irish varsity for his three years of eligibility and received mention on several All-American teams. His greatest thrill on Layden's Notre Dame teams was in 1937 when he raced ninety-eight yards for a touchdown against Southern California to win the game for Notre Dame in the final two minutes of play. He played one season in 1940 with the Chicago Cardinals professional football team before being drafted into the Army. He was given his release by the Cardinals before he was signed by the Chicago Rockets. He is planning a political and business career and will be a candidate for the County Board in the Fall elections this year. He was married in 1941 just prior to his sailing for Manila and Bataan.

WHITE, ROBERT JOSEPH .. 26 yrs. .. Fullback .. 6 feet .. 198 Indiana Univ. '43.

"Whiz" White, a native of Joliet, Illinois, was one of Coach "Bo" McMillin's "greats" for three seasons at Indiana University. He won three football letters and was captain of the Hoosier team in 1942. White attended Joliet Catholic High School where he won three letters in football and basketball and one in track. At Indiana he dropped basketball and track and won a letter in baseball playing center field. White was an infantry captain in the Army during his two years of fighting and took part in the push across the Po Valley prior to the Fall of the German armies in Italy. He is married and has a two year old daughter, Patricia Ann.

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NOTE: This Roster is as complete as it is possible for us to make it at this time. Some names have been deleted because of lack of biographies, and questionnaires which the players are supposed to send us. These, chiefly, are players living on the West Coast who

joined the squad at Santa Rosa, California

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A final "Season Roster" will be in your hands before September 13th.

Al Fuller

ALL HOME GAMES AT

SOLDIER FIELD

CHICAGO

THE ROCKETS' SCHEDULE

Home Games

Fri. Night, Sept. 13th Cleveland
Fri. Night, Sept. 20th New York
Wed. Night, Sept. 25th Buffalo
Sun. Afternoon, Sept. 29th . . . San Francisco
Fri. Night, Oct. 4th Los Angeles
Fri. Night, Oct. 18th Miami
Fri. Night, Nov. 1st Brooklyn

Out-Of-Town Games

Fri. Night, Oct 11th Brooklyn
Sun. Afternoon, Oct. 27th Buffalo
Sun. Afternoon, Nov. 10th Miami
Sun. Afternoon, Nov. 17th Cleveland
Sun. Afternoon, Nov. 24th New York
Sat. Afternoon, Nov. 30th . . . San Francisco
Sun. Afternoon, Dec. 15th . . . Los Angeles

HOME GAME

KICK OFF TIMES

AFTERNOON GAME 2:00 P.M.

EVENING GAMES 8:00 P.M.